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FORT PIERCE, ST. LUCIE COUNTY, FLORIDA, FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 1905.

1.00 A YEAR

ASSESSMENTS ARE REDUCED

County Commissioners Transact Routine Business.

22 MILL TAX LEVIED

Many Road Matters Acted Upon—Two Applications for Liquor License Presented.

The county commissioners met at Fort Pierce September 4th, 1905. Present, W. R. Hardee, chairman; P. Kroegel, K. B. Raulerson, J. F. Bell and R. D. Holmes, with R. W. Lennard, sheriff, and J. E. Fultz, clerk.

Minutes of last meeting were read and approved, as corrected.

The following reductions were made in tax assessments:

C. S. Bixby, south 10 acres of lot 1, from Olmstead, section 23, township 35, range 40, from \$850.00 to \$750.00.

L. Christensen, part northwest quarter of southwest quarter, deed book Z, page 478, section 3, township 36, range 40, ten acres, reduced from \$200.00 to \$150.00.

Cora A. Reahm, lot 4, subdivision of lot 3, section 23, township 35, range 40, 15 acres, from \$600 to \$500.

Mrs. H. A. Mott, section 20, 14-100 acres of north 31 58-100 acres, lot 3, section 18, township 36, range 41, from \$790 to \$500.

L. E. LeFournier, part lot 4, book J, page 84, and H, page 2, section 4, township 37, range 40, 15 acres, from \$1100 to \$800.

Florida East Coast Ice Co., lots 9 and 10, subdivision of block E, from \$1000 to \$500.

Ivy Lawson, east half of northeast quarter, less two and one-half acres, section 18, township 31, range 39, 77-1-2 acres, from \$800 to \$700.

S. Kitching, lot 1, section 28, township 31, range 39, 27 acres, from \$100 to \$25.

M. A. Coon, part lot 4, book L, page 100, less 2 acres, section 15, township 37, range 41, 5 acres, from \$500 to \$400.

E. S. Williams, southwest quarter, of southwest quarter, section 27, township 35, range 39, from \$200 to \$50.

E. W. Hall, northeast quarter of section 7, township 33, range 38, 160 acres from \$1000 to \$750.

P. Ankeny, north 11 44-100 acres of lot 8, section 18, township 36, range 41, from \$1000 to \$800.

P. P. Cobb, lot 6 and all lying between lots 3, 4, 5 and 6 and Moore's creek, plat of Fort Pierce, section 10 township 35, range 40, from \$200 to \$50.

A. J. Drawdy, northeast quarter of southeast quarter, less 8 acres in southeast corner, section 10, township 34, range 35, 32 acres, from \$250 to \$175.

Walter Kitching, lot 1, section 22, township 37, range 40, 18 acres, \$300 to \$250.

H. A. Holmes, northwest quarter of northeast quarter, section 14, township 34, range 35, 40 acres, from \$500 to \$200.

The treasurer's report was received, checked up, found correct and cancelled warrants destroyed by J. F. Bell and R. D. Holmes.

Bonds of John F. Parker, J. C. Larsen, John W. Barker, J. C. Hendry, A. A. Hendry, W. W. Carlton and Myrtle Kitching to carry revolvers were approved.

Bonds of Joel W. Knight and J. C. Larsen to carry repeating rifles were approved.

Bonds of Murray E. Hall, Kansas M. Tedder for notary public were approved.

Application of R. Carlton, Jr., and W. W. Carlton for permit to sell liquors, wines and beer in election district 2, was ordered published.

Application of R. L. Motlow and John Powers for permit to sell liquors, wines and beer in election district 2, was ordered published.

Road report of O. O. Helseth and A. O. Helseth; Peter Raulerson, H. H. Hancock and L. M. Raulerson; Jas. A. Neilson and E. J. Traynor; R. L. Brown, W. W. Carlton and J. T. Bates; R. D. Hoke and J. O. Fries; B. F. Hull, C. H. Racey and F. W. Willes, were received and filed, and without objection, will be declared public roads at the October meeting of the board.

Board adjourned. Met Tuesday a. m. with all members present.

Petition for special seven mill road tax for first and fifth commissioner's district, were taken up, compared with poll list, found to contain majorities respectively of real estate owners and voters, and said levy ordered made.

County Judge's report of licenses issued for July and August; judge's monthly report; monthly report of justice of the peace district 2, were received and filed.

On motion there is refunded to the county treasurer the sum of \$43, said amount having been overdrawn by the county commissioners, through a misunderstanding of the laws governing their per diem.

Commissioner Bell is authorized to endorse warrant of Hall Talmage, pauper, and to settle bill of Mr. Howard for provisions furnished.

Agricultural statistics furnished by J. A. McMillan, are approved.

On motion R. G. Hardee is allowed \$75 for postal notices of assessments.

The following reductions were made in tax assessments.

C. T. McCarty, lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7, block D, from \$300 to \$200.

Lots 1, 2, 3 and 4, section 35, township 34, range 40, 100 acres, from \$300 to \$100.

Lots 3, 4 and 5, section 36, township 34, range 40, 115 acres, from \$350 to \$115.

Lot 6, section 36, township 34, range 40, 40 acres, from \$80 to \$40.

West half of southeast quarter and southeast quarter of southwest quarter, section 25, township 35, range 39, 120 acres, from \$500 to \$150.

Application of W. J. Tucker to sell liquors, wines and beer in election district, No. 2, of St. Lucie county, Fla., was presented, and no objection being filed, the same was approved and granted.

The board adjourned. Met Wednesday. All present.

On motion the sheriff is authorized to work the prisoners on the public roads of the county, under the directions of the county commissioners, and that he is allowed the legal rate for feeding said prisoners, and that he be allowed \$50.00 for guarding prisoners.

The sheriff is authorized to furnish necessary transportation for moving prisoners.

Necessary accommodations at the Tyler hotel were secured for the term of circuit court convening on 18th inst. for \$25.00.

On motion Gus Dunlap is placed on the pauper list at \$5.00 per month.

J. F. Bell is authorized to endorse warrant of Hall Talmage, and make such disposition of proceeds of same, as the case may require for his maintenance.

It is ordered that 500 blank witness forms be printed as provided in chapter 5401, laws of 1905.

The following millage is levied for the year 1905.

General revenue fund	5 mills
Road and bridge	3 "
Fine and forfeit	1 "
School	7 "
Special road fund, District No. 1	7 "
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The county surveyor is instructed to survey all switches, sidetracks and Ys in St. Lucie county, and report to the

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ST. LUCIE ICE CO. ELECTS OFFICERS.

At a meeting of the St. Lucie Ice Co., held Wednesday evening the complete organization was perfected, and matters arranged for commencing business as soon as the plant is completed, which will be about the middle of October.

The building will be completed and the machinery installed by the end of next week, but the delay in commencing the manufacture of ice is caused by the necessity of boring another artesian well, the present well not being deemed sufficient. Considerable trouble has been met in securing anyone to undertake this work, as the well contractors all seem to be busy, but a contract has been made with a Mr. Peck, of Hastings, who will arrive in a few days and commence the work.

J. C. Miller, representative of the Henry Vogt Ice Machine Co., of Louisville, Ky., arrived Wednesday evening and is personally installing the machinery, and will complete the work at the earliest moment.

The board of directors include some of the leading business men of Fort Pierce, and is as follows: R. Whyte, L. G. Williams, H. E. Crooks, T. J. O'Brien, K. B. Raulerson, A. M. Sample, W. H. Adams, C. L. Faber, Jr., and G. S. Tucker.

The following were elected as officers for the ensuing year: R. Whyte, president; L. G. Williams, vice-president; T. J. O'Brien, secretary; C. L. Faber, Jr., treasurer.

It is the intention of the St. Lucie Ice company to apply to the town council of Fort Pierce for a franchise for furnishing electric lights, and if a sufficient number of lights will be guaranteed they will install a dynamo, and operate an electric lighting plant. They hope to meet with success in this project, and anticipate having lights here by the first of January, if not earlier.

Notice to the Public.

We wish to announce that we have started a set of abstract books in and for St. Lucie county. We have arrangement made with the Brevard Abstract of Title Co., whereby we can furnish a correct abstract to every piece of land in St. Lucie county from their books up to July 1, 1905, and from that date on from our own books. These abstracts will be furnished to any one at the same price they have been heretofore to wit: \$5.00 for the searches and sixty cents for each number. It will be the endeavor of this company to furnish true, accurate, and correct abstracts promptly upon application and we solicit your patronage. Respectfully, ST. LUCIE COUNTY ABSTRACT OF TITLE COMPANY.

JAMES E. ANDREWS, President.

Notice to Taxpayers.

R. G. Hardee, of Sebastian, is authorized to correct mistakes in description of taxes until September 15th.

P. A. McMillan.

INTERESTING PARAGRAPHS

Local Items That Were Crowded Out of Regular Column.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

What We are Doing and Where We are Going—About People of St. Lucie County.

George Saeger, of Ankona, was in town Tuesday.

W. L. Frantz, of Ankona, was a visitor in town yesterday.

W. C. Rawlinson and G. E. Burnett, of Ankona, were in town Wednesday.

W. L. Coats purchased the John Traynor place near White City the first of the week.

Miss Emma Morgan and Miss Ruth Alderman are spending the week at E. O. Morgan's place at Lake Okechobee.

Mrs. F. H. Fee returned to Melbourne yesterday for a few days. She divides her time between Fort Pierce and Melbourne.

G. S. Tucker left yesterday for a few days visit to White Springs and Jacksonville, saying that he was taking his annual vacation.

Mrs. E. E. Ankeny, of Ankona, was a passenger on yesterday's northbound train enroute to her place near Viking to spend the day.

The Fort Pierce baseball club has accepted the challenge of the Stuart team, and will play a game in Fort Pierce on Thursday September 14.

Mrs. R. R. Gladwin and four children left yesterday for Titusville, for a weeks visit with Mr. Gladwin's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. N. Gladwin.

W. C. Braddock, of Sebastian was among the visitors from the north end of St. Lucie county who had business before the board of county commissioners.

P. D. Ankeny, of Ankona, left Wednesday for a visit of two or three months in the north, spending the time in Chicago and at various points in Iowa.

P. A. McMillan, of Eau Gallie, tax assessor of Brevard county, spent Monday at the county seat, completing the work of assessing property of St. Lucie county.

Miss Ruby Lawson, daughter of Ivey Lawson, of Sebastian, attended the teachers' examination, which was held in the Fort Pierce High school building the first of the week.

There will be services in the Methodist church next Sunday, both morning and evening by the pastor, Rev. T. W. Tomkies. A cordial invitation is extended to all to be present.

E. G. Gustafsen, of White City, was in town Wednesday on business. Mr. Gustafsen has charge of the county convicts, and has been doing some good work with them on the roads.

R. B. Trueman, vice-president of the Sanders Fertilizer Co., of Jacksonville, was in town yesterday interviewing the pineapple growers. He will spend a week among the growers between here and Jensen.

Perry Sellers, the boy that was bitten by the moccasin last week, and who was in a serious condition for several days, is now greatly improved, and under the care of Dr. W. E. Vanlandingham, will be out in a few weeks.

A letter from F. W. Willes, who is spending the summer in New York city, says: "I beg to inclose check to cover my subscription to THE TRIBUNE, which has been greatly appreciated, keeping us in touch with the home news during our absence."

Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Card were callers at THE TRIBUNE office this week while in town. Mr. Card is one of the pineapple growers of this section who thoroughly believes in up-to-date stationery, and is having THE TRIBUNE fix up some of the best ever seen in these parts.

An unusual sight was witnessed Thursday morning when a fleet of boats belonging to the East Coast Fish Co., passed along the river front. The fleet was composed of about fifteen boats and was in charge of Ernest Stypmann, who is moving the equipment from the Eau Gallie branch to Stuart-on-the-St. Lucie, where he will make his winter headquarters.

The ladies of the Fort Pierce Improvement club are making every arrangement for the mystic tea and dime museum to be held at the Fort Pierce hotel tomorrow evening, and it promises to be a most successful entertainment in every particular.

An elegant supper will be on hand for all, and will be served from 6 to 8 o'clock, so that our citizens may arrange to take their supper with the ladies, which can be done at a very small

expense. Bills of fare are being printed, which will list each article in an allegorical term, and each patron will be required to select his supper from the menu card. Besides furnishing an abundance of the good things to eat, it will provide any amount of merriment for the participants.

The dime museum also has a mystic feature, as no information concerning the special features will be given out, but the ladies promise that it will well be worth the admission price of ten cents, and must be seen to be appreciated.

The Fort Pierce band has kindly consented to furnish music during the evening, which will be quite an acquisition to the list of amusements.

The ladies have requested THE TRIBUNE to announce that they will be glad if all who have so kindly consented to furnish refreshments for this entertainment will have them at the Fort Pierce hotel between 4 and 5 o'clock Saturday afternoon.

A New Store.

Last Saturday A. Y. W. Hogg sold his store in the north side of town to W. A. Roebuck, of Fort Bassinger, who immediately placed A. J. Drawdy in charge and ordered a nice, new stock of general merchandise, which is now arriving.

Mr. Roebuck conducts a store at Fort Bassinger, and is also interested in several other enterprises, being a steamboat man and operating a steamboat on the Kissimmee river between Fort Bassinger and Kissimmee, and has a steamboat now in the Indian river at this point.

Mr. Roebuck is also an orange grower, having two fine groves at Fort Drum. After purchasing the store he left for Kissimmee and Jacksonville and will then return here.

It is his intention to supply the store with a complete stock of general merchandise, and to conduct a first class business. We wish him every success in his new venture.

Ball Game at Stuart.

One of the most interesting games of ball played at Stuart in some time occurred on the Stuart diamond yesterday (Thursday) between the team from West Palm Beach and the Stuart boys.

The game was most exciting from beginning to end, and resulted in a score of Palm Beach 5, Stuart 0.

DANIA CURRY BITTEN BY A SHARK MONDAY

While fishing in the inlet Monday, Dania O. Curry, a grandson of L. S. S. Farnsworth, was the victim of a most painful and serious accident. He, with a party of relatives, had been fishing for an hour or more, catching several species of food fish, when suddenly Mr. Farnsworth had a strike at his line that foretold that a shark or other large fish had gotten the hook. The fish was played around for an hour or more, the fishermen allowing it to tow the boat for more than a mile, but the hour growing late they decided to haul the catch into the boat.

Mr. Farnsworth's line had the fish, and feeling his inability to land a monster of the expected dimensions of this fish, he called upon his partner boat, which was in charge of G. J. Hopkins and Dania O. Curry, to come to his assistance. Upon their arrival the capture of the fish was turned over to them completely. After much maneuvering the shark was finally brought over the edge of the boat, when Mr. Hopkins drove a hatchet into the monster's head. At this treatment the fish became furious, lunged forward and rolled over, and in his antics struck at and bit Dania Curry, taking the whole leg at the ankle in his mouth, but only succeeded in biting out the flesh, not injuring the bone.

The unfortunate young man was brought to town as soon as possible, and Dr. J. H. Lloyd summoned, who secured the arteries and dressed the wound, but deeming it necessary, he was sent to the hospital at St. Augustine on the midnight train Monday night, where he is improving as fast as could be expected.

The wound is a most serious one, all the ligaments and artery being severed, and a large piece of flesh being torn out, and it would appear impossible to draw this together so as to prevent a permanent lameness.

The shark was 7 1-2 feet in length, and weighed about 200 pounds. The jaws will be preserved.

Has a New Auto.

The first automobile to traverse the streets of Fort Pierce made its appearance Wednesday afternoon. The new machine is an "Orient" buckboard, manufactured in Waltham, Mass., and is the property of F. H. Fee, president of the Bank of Fort Pierce.

While small and light, of only a few horse power, this new auto is expected to develop a speed of 20 to 30 miles an hour. It presents a nice appearance and attracts considerable attention. It is expected that Mr. Fee's example will be emulated, and that ere long our town council will be debating the necessity of a speed ordinance.

Bids Wanted.
The St. Lucie Ice Company will receive bids for furnishing cord wood. Address, T. J. O'Brien, secretary.

Fine Stationery at THE TRIBUNE.

NEW SCHOOLS ESTABLISHED

Contracts Made for Transportation of Pupils.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Shows a Creditable Condition of School Funds—More Teachers Have Been Appointed.

The St. Lucie County School board met in regular monthly session Monday, September 4, at the school house in Fort Pierce.

In the absence of Chairman Nesbitt, B. F. Hardesty was appointed chairman pro tem.

After reading and approving the minutes of the last meeting a letter from the American Book company giving permission to print certain extracts from White's School Management in the rules and regulations of this board was read and ordered placed on file.

The resignation of E. G. Gustafsen as supervisor of school No. 9 at White City was read and approved.

The resignation of H. G. Stouder as supervisor of school No. 10, at Eldred was read and accepted.

J. F. Bell was then appointed supervisor of No. 9 and Wm. Pomeroy of No. 10.

A petition from people at Bluefield, asking for a school and showing twenty-one children of a school age in the neighborhood was then read. The Board voted that they have four months school, and such lumber, etc., as was required to put building into habitable condition, provided a teacher could be procured.

The following teachers were then assigned:
Orangedale—Miss Josephine Summerlin.
Fort Drum—Miss Helene L. Singleton.

Eden—(Colored,) Melissa A. Fleming.
The school at Viking was ordered to be opened on the 18th of September.

The following bids for the transportation of pupils was then accepted, and contracts ordered drawn in accordance with same.

St. Lucie to Fort Pierce—E. C. Summerlin at \$29.50 per month.
Tibbals to Jensen—J. H. Baker at \$60.00 per month.

Waveland to Jensen—W. D. Edwards at \$40.00 per month.
H. Jenkins to Fort Pierce—J. G. Coats & Co. at \$35.00 per month.

The secretary instructed to insert penalty clause in contracts for transportation.

Secretary instructed to have school wagons placed in repair at once.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

In compliance with Section 3, Chapter 4332, Laws of Florida, we hand you the following itemized statement of all monies handled by the school board of St. Lucie county, Fla., for the month ending August 31, 1905:

RECAPITULATION.	
Balance in treasury, as per last statement	\$ 0.00
Receipts for month	918.59
Warrants outstanding this date	2,327.84
Warrants outstanding, as per last report	\$ 1,994.01
Total warrants drawn this month	278.83
Cash in hands of treasurer, this date	918.59
	\$ 3,191.43

RECEIPTS.	
Balance due Special School Tax Districts No. 2, 3 and 4	\$ 918.59
ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES.	
J. E. Fultz, county clerk, recording papers	4.00
C. P. Platts, copying financial statement	2.00
C. P. Platts, traveling expenses of superintendent	1.70
B. F. Hardesty, per diem and mileage, member of board	12.29
J. M. Orrel, per diem and mileage, member of board	4.20
C. P. Platts, postage, express, etc.	5.88
H. & W. B. Drew Co., free books	43.10
J. G. Coats & Co., draying	.75
Willie Forester, teaching No. 3	40.00
Ella Wigfield, teaching No. 3	35.00
Susie C. Wigfield, teaching No. 4	35.00
Elma Geiger, teaching No. 9	45.00
C. P. Platts, salary of superintendent	50.00
Total	\$ 278.83

B. F. HARDESTY, Chairman pro tem.
Attest: C. P. PLATTS, Secretary.

Mr. Hogg Commences New Home.

A. Y. W. Hogg has commenced the erection of his new home on north Pine street, on the lot he purchased last year from H. G. Bronson. This house will be quite an acquisition to that part of town. The plans are for an eight room house, which will be well constructed and of a neat design, and the estimated cost is about \$1,200. Mr. and Mrs. Hogg have given up their plan of spending a while in the north, and Mr. Hogg will take personal supervision of the work in building his new house.

Call for a Mass Meeting.

A mass meeting of the citizens and tax payers of Fort Pierce is called to meet at the Fort Pierce High school building, Tuesday evening, September 12, 1905, at 7 o'clock.

The object of this meeting is to discuss the proposed issue of bonds for the purpose of providing the county of St. Lucie with a suitable site for the erection of the county buildings. Everyone interested is cordially invited to be present.

R. R. GLADWIN, Mayor.